



# HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Hollister Animal Control Investigates Two Cases of Rabies**

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *October 4, 2010* – On September 30, 2010 The Hollister Police Department's Animal Control Bureau seized two skunks infected with rabies in unincorporated San Juan Bautista.

At about 9:00 a.m., Hollister Police Department Animal Control officers were dispatched to 3200 Monte Bello Drive in San Benito County for a report of a possible sick or injured skunk. Animal Control officers located and impounded the skunk, which was euthanized. The skunk subsequently tested positive for rabies. No animals or people were exposed to this skunk.

Later that same day, at about 11:15 a.m., Hollister Police Department Animal Control officers were dispatched to 455 Mission Vineyard Road in San Juan Bautista on a report that a skunk had attacked two dogs and a resident. The resident killed the skunk in self-defense. Animal Control officers took the skunk and sent it for testing. The test result was positive for rabies.

Animal Control is advising all pet owners to vaccinate their pets, including dogs and cats, against rabies. Only a licensed veterinarian can administer an anti-rabies vaccination. Low-cost rabies vaccination clinics are held each week in San Benito County. Residents may contact the Hollister Animal Shelter at (831) 636-4320 for information on the dates and times of the clinics. Anyone suspecting an animal to be infected is urged contact Animal Control or Law Enforcement immediately.

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